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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON

2 SEP 1967

Honorable Richard Helms
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C., 20505

Dear Dick:

As you know, the National Intelligence Estimates (NIEs) and the National Intelligence Projections for Planning (NIPP) play a central role in my recommendations to the President on the Department of Defense budget. I understand that NIE 11-8-67, "Soviet Capabilities for Strategic Attack," is scheduled for early October 1967 and that NIE 11-3-67, "Soviet Strategic Air and Missile Defenses," is scheduled for November 2, 1967. It is very important for me to have the Estimates and, if possible, advance copies of Sections I and II of the NIPP-68 by these dates in order to have enough time to prepare my budget recommendations.

If I can be of any help in assuring that the NIEs and the advance portions of the NIPP will be ready by these dates, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely,

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